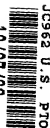


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Title: CYTOKINE ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
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Assignee: None

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application for a Letters Patent of the United States:

<u>1</u> Pages of Abstract	<u>X</u> Verified Statement for Small Entity Status
<u>20</u> Pages of Specification	Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition
<u>44</u> Number of Claims	Two (2) return-addressed postcards
<u>none</u> Sheets of Drawings	(PLEASE PROVIDE FILING DATE & SERIAL NUMBER)
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<u>X</u> Petition to Make Special; List of Prior Art; 10 patents	
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